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SUBJ: WASHINGTON POST CORRESPONDENT DUSKO DODER TURNED AWAY AT
HUNGARIAN BORDER

1. WASHINGTON POST BELGRADE-BASED EE CORRESPONDENT DUSKO DODER
CALLED PAO NOV 17 TO ADVISE THAT PREVIOUS DAY HE HAD BEEN TURNED
BACK BY HUNGARIAN BORDER GUARDS AT THE ROSZKE CROSSING POINT
FROM YUGOSLAVIA. DODER WAS TRAVELING FROM BELGRADE TO BUDAPEST
IN HIS PRIVATE VEHICLE.

2. DODER REPORTED HE HAD BEEN ISSUED VISA BY HUNGARIAN EMBASSY
IN BELGRADE ON NOV 13 WITHOUT APPARENT PROBLEMS AND WAS TREATED
COURTEOUSLY BY CONSULAR OFFICIALS.

3. UPON ARRIVING AT THE ROSZKE BORDER POINT DODER WAS TOLD BY
THE OFFICIAL ON DUTY THAT HIS VISA WAS INCORRECTLY ISSUED AT
THE HUNGARIAN EMBASSY BECAUSE THE CITY OF HIS BIRTH WAS NOT
ENTERED ON HIS VISA, ONLY THE COUNTRY OF BIRTH AND THE DATE.
OFFICIAL ASKED DODER IN WHAT CITY HE WAS BORN AND DODER
DECLINED TO FURNISH INFORMATION ON GROUNDS THAT HE HAD
BEEN ISSUED A VISA IN BELGRADE AND THAT SHOULD SUFFICE
FOR ENTRY TO HUNGARY AS IT HAD ON SEVERAL PREVIOUS

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OCCASIONS.

4. BORDER OFFICIAL NEXT ASKED DODER WHETHER HE HAD AN OFFICIAL LETTER OF INVITATION FROM A HUNGARIAN INSTITUTION. WHEN DODER ANSWERED NEGATIVELY, HE WAS DENIED ENTRY TO HUNGARY. OFFICIAL REFUSED TO GIVE HIS NAME.

5. PAO CALLED ON MFA DEPUTY CHIEF OF PRESS SECTION, GABOR GOBOLYOS, NOV 18 TO PROTEST THIS ACTION AND TO SEEK CLARIFICATION. GOBOLYOS SAID THAT MFA HAD ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THEIR EMBASSY AND WITH BORDER OFFICIALS. GOBOLYOS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HUNGARIAN EMBASSY ERRONEOUSLY OMITTED CITY OF BIRTH FROM DODER'S VISA, BUT INSISTED THAT HAD DODER BEEN WILLING TO PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION AT THE BORDER HE WOULD HAVE BEEN ADMITTED WITHOUT FURTHER QUESTIONS.

6. GOBOLYOS WENT ON TO SAY THAT MFA PRESS SECTION WAS NOW IN DIFFICULT SITUATION SINCE THEY HAD TO CANCEL APPOINTMENTS THEY HAD SET UP FOR DODER WITH PROF. IVAN BEREND, PROF. EGON SZABADY AND DR. JANOS PETRAN. HE ALSO SAID THAT DODER WAS INFORMED BY HUNGARIAN EMBASSY IN BELGRADE THAT HE COULD COME TO HUNGARY ANY TIME HE WISHED, ASSUMING THAT THE QUOTE TECHNICAL ERROR IN HIS VISA UNQUOTE HAD BEEN CORRECTED. HE SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE IF MR. DODER WOULD LET A LITTLE TIME PASS BEFORE HE CAME TO HUNGARY SINCE QUOTE THE PRESS SECTION WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO SET UP THESE APPOINTMENTS SO QUICKLY AFTER HAVING HAD TO CANCEL THEM UNQUOTE.

7. BOTH PAO AND DCM TALKED WITH DODER ON NOV 18 INFORMING HIM OF FONOFF REACTION. HE SEEMED SOMEWHAT MOLLIFIED, PARTICULARLY WHEN DCM SAID IT WOULD BE MADE CLEAR TO HUNGARIANS WITH WHOM HE HAD APPOINTMENTS THAT HIS FAILURE TO APPEAR WAS FAULT OF GOH AND NOT HIS. DODER SAID HE WOULD PROBABLY VISIT HUNGARY NOW SOME TIME AFTER THANKSGIVING.
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